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2. THE DELEGATES TO THE AFGHAN SHURA VOTED TO DECIDE THE RANK ORDER OF THE ALLIANCE LEADERSHIP IN FILLING THE TOP NEW GOVERNMENT SLOTS. EACH DELEGATE WAS ALLOWED TO VOTE FOR TWO OF THE SEVEN ALLIANCE LEADERS. THE LEADER GETTING THE MOST VOTES WOULD BECOME HEAD OF STATE, AND THE SECOND HIGHEST VOTE GETTER WOULD BE HEAD OF GOVERNMENT. THE RESULTS ANNOUNCED LATE ON FEBRUARY 23 WERE AS FOLLOWS:

MOJAEDEDI	174 VOTES
SAYYAF	173 VOTES
NABI MOHAMMEDI	139 VOTES
HEMATIYAR	126 VOTES
KHALIS	102 VOTES
RABBANI	99 VOTES
GAILANI	86 VOTES

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3. ACCORDING TO THE FORMULA AGREED EARLIER ON FEBRUARY 23, MOJAEDEDI BECOMES HEAD OF STATE OF THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT; HIS PARTY, ANLF, ALSO GAINS CONTROL OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH. SAYYAF BECOMES PRIME MINISTER, AND HIS PARTY ALSO GETS THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS. THERE ARE THEN FIVE PACKAGES OF MINISTRIES FROM AMONG WHICH THE FIVE REMAINING ALLIANCE LEADERS CAN CHOOSE. THEY REPORTEDLY WILL DO SO LATE ON FEBRUARY 24. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS ARE A GARBLED VERSION OF WHAT WE UNDERSTAND THE AGREEMENT TO BE.

4. COMMENT: WE CAUTION ALL OUR READERS THAT THESE ARE EARLY REPORTS. THINGS WILL CONTINUE TO CHANGE THROUGHOUT THE DAY AND IN SUBSEQUENT DAYS, JUST AS THEY HAVE FOR THE PAST TWO WEEKS. (AHMAD SHAH WAS A SHOO-IN ONLY A FEW DAYS AGO, FOLLOWED BY WORD THAT RABBANI HAD THE JOB SEWN UP.) IT WILL REQUIRE CONTINUED PATIENCE ON THE PART OF ALL OUTSIDE

OBSERVERS AS THE SHURA PROCESS PLAYS ITSELF OUT. END COMMENT.

5. WE NOTE THAT THE TOTAL VOTES CAST ADD UP TO 899. THERE WERE ALSO REPORTEDLY SIX OR SEVEN BALLOTS THAT WERE EITHER BLANK OR DECLARED INVALID. THIS SUGGESTS THAT ABOUT 456 BALLOTS WERE CAST BY WHAT MOST PRESS ACCOUNTS CLAIMED WERE ONLY 440 DELEGATES. WHEN WE QUERIED THIS WITH AFGHAN NEWS AGENCY (ANA - THE OFFICIAL SHURA PRESS OUTLET), THEY SAID THERE WERE, IN FACT, MORE THAN 440 DELEGATES BECAUSE A NUMBER OF SMALL PARTIES AND A FEW INDIVIDUALS HAD EARLIER BEEN GRANTED SEATS IN THE SHURA. ANA SAID IT WOULD TRY TO COME UP WITH A CORRECT NUMBER OF HOW MANY VOTES OALLEY

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